
SENATE BILL No. 139

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-38-2-3.

Synopsis: Violation of probation. Specifies that a court may impose one or more sanctions on a probationer who violates the conditions of probation or home detention during the probationary period.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-38-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2007,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3. (a) The court may revoke a person's probation
4 if:

5 (1) the person has violated a condition of probation during the
6 probationary period; and

7 (2) the petition to revoke probation is filed during the
8 probationary period or before the earlier of the following:

9 (A) One (1) year after the termination of probation.

10 (B) Forty-five (45) days after the state receives notice of the
11 violation.

12 (b) When a petition is filed charging a violation of a condition of
13 probation, the court may:

14 (1) order a summons to be issued to the person to appear; or

15 (2) order a warrant for the person's arrest if there is a risk of the
16 person's fleeing the jurisdiction or causing harm to others.

17 (c) The issuance of a summons or warrant tolls the period of

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probation until the final determination of the charge.

(d) The court shall conduct a hearing concerning the alleged violation. The court may admit the person to bail pending the hearing.

(e) The state must prove the violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The evidence shall be presented in open court. The person is entitled to confrontation, cross-examination, and representation by counsel.

(f) Probation may not be revoked for failure to comply with conditions of a sentence that imposes financial obligations on the person unless the person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally fails to pay.

(g) If the court finds that the person has violated a condition at any time before termination of the period, and the petition to revoke is filed within the probationary period, the court may **impose one (1) or more of the following sanctions:**

(1) Continue the person on probation, with or without modifying or enlarging the conditions.

(2) Extend the person's probationary period for not more than one (1) year beyond the original probationary period. ~~or~~

(3) Order execution of all or part of the sentence that was suspended at the time of initial sentencing.

(h) If the court finds that the person has violated a condition of home detention at any time before termination of the period, and the petition to revoke probation is filed within the probationary period, the court shall:

(1) order ~~a sanction~~ **one (1) or more sanctions** as set forth in subsection (g); and

(2) provide credit for time served as set forth under IC 35-38-2.5-5.

(i) If the court finds that the person has violated a condition during any time before the termination of the period, and the petition is filed under subsection (a) after the probationary period has expired, the court may:

(1) reinstate the person's probationary period, with or without enlarging the conditions, if the sum of the length of the original probationary period and the reinstated probationary period does not exceed the length of the maximum sentence allowable for the offense that is the basis of the probation; or

(2) order execution of all or part of the sentence that was suspended at the time of the initial sentencing.

(j) If the court finds that the person has violated a condition of home detention during any time before termination of the period, and the

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1 petition is filed under subsection (a) after the probation period has
2 expired, the court shall:
3 (1) order a sanction as set forth in subsection (i); and
4 (2) provide credit for time served as set forth under
5 IC 35-38-2.5-5.
6 (k) A judgment revoking probation is a final appealable order.
7 (l) Failure to pay fines or costs required as a condition of probation
8 may not be the sole basis for commitment to the department of
9 correction.
10 (m) Failure to pay fees or costs assessed against a person under
11 IC 33-40-3-6, IC 33-37-2-3(e), or IC 35-33-7-6 is not grounds for
12 revocation of probation.

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